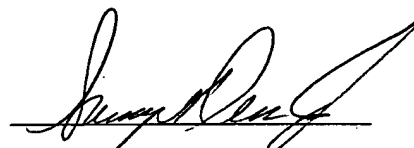


Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for an Election on the grounds that the reasons stated by the Examiner do not support his contention that separate searches would be required during the examination of the present application. Applicants do not believe that a serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner to search the Applicants' claimed genus of compounds.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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